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SUBJECT:EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMAT LANGUAGE AREA TRAINEES

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1. DURING EXCHANGE AGREEMENT REVIEW TALKS, DEPARTMENT OFFICER DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH KARYAGIN US PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMAT-LANGUAGE TRAINEES. KARYAGIN, WHO WAS AWARE OF PROPOSAL, SAID IT WAS COMPLICATED MATTER. HE ASSERTED THEY HAD HAD "TROUBLE" IN PAST WITH SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, BUT DID NOT INDICATE WITH WHICH COUNTRY. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, KARYAGIN IMPLIED THAT "TROUBLE" HAD BEEN IN AREA OF CUSTOMS COURTESIES ACCORDED STUDENTS UNDER PROGRAM. HE SAID AS FAR AS SOVIETS WERE CONCERNED, THEY WOULD PREFER STUDENTS EITHER TO BE IN THE DIPLOMATIC OR IN THE ACADEMIC CATEGORY AND NOT TO TRY TO MIX THE TWO. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION HOW WE MIGHT PROCEED TO IMPLEMENT PROPOSAL TO OUR MUTUAL SATISFACTION, KARYAGIN SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS IT SHOULD BE TAKEN UP ON HIGHER LEVEL, I.E. BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND KORNIYENKO.

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2. BEFORE WE DECIDE HOW WE MIGHT PROCEED FURTHER ON THIS

PROPOSAL, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
EMBASSY COULD DEVELOP ON EXPERIENCE AND POSSIBLE PROBLEMS
JAPANESE HAVE HAD WITH THEIR PROGRAM. IT WOULD SEEM USEFUL
TO LEARN WHAT KIND OF CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES, IF ANY,
JAPANESE DIPLOMAT-STUDENTS HAVE. WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE
NOW TWO JAPANESE DIPLOMAT-STUDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION.
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